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Re: Response of Shell Pipeline Corporation  
to EPA's Request for Information  
Del Amo Site, Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Dunkelman:

This letter and its enclosures constitute the response of Shell Pipe Line Corporation ("Shell") to the EPA's Request for Information for the above referenced Site, which was dated January 2, 1992 and received by Shell on January 30, 1992.

Shell has no active pipelines within a one-mile radius of the Del Amo site. The pipelines in the one-mile radius of the Del Amo site were decommissioned in the 1960's. Shell understands that the EPA is seeking information regarding the passage of non-aqueous phase liquid ("NAPL") in a groundwater monitoring well identified as Well P1. Further, our understanding is that the analytic data from the sample of the material identified the material as "almost pure diesel." Please be advised that Shell does not have, nor had any pipelines in the Del Amo area that transported diesel products. Since the NAPL identified was diesel, and since Shell did not operate any diesel lines in the vicinity of the Del Amo site, it is not likely that the operations of Shell Pipe Line Corporation are the source of the material found in Well P1.

This response is based on the best information obtained in the time period allowed by the EPA for response. Shell reserves the right to make any changes in or additions to this response if it appears at any time that omissions or errors have been made herein or if more accurate or additional information becomes available.

Shell has materials in response to the EPA's Request that cannot be electronically transmitted. A hard copy of this letter and the materials are being sent by Federal Express today.

If you have questions regarding this response, please contact Gerry Tintle at the following address:

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Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

Response of Shell Pipe Line Corporation to EPA's Request for Information for the Del Amo Site

In its investigation of Shell Oil Company's involvement at the Del Amo site, the EPA requested to review certain materials developed in the Hamilton Dutch litigation. The documents remain at Schreiber & Horn and may be responsive to the EPA's investigation of Shell Pipe Line Corporation. Shell is aware that the EPA has reviewed these documents. As with Shell Oil Company's 104(e) response, arrangements can be made for the EPA to review these documents again.

Question 1:

Shell Pipe Line Corporation maintains the following pipelines within a one-mile radius of the Del Amo site:

VENTURA GASOLINE PIPELINE (ABANDONED IN 1960'S)

- a. The pipeline is located in Main Street, Torrance Boulevard (formally 208th Street) and Normandie Avenue. See Attachment 1 for map locations.
- b. The size of the pipeline varies between 4" and 6" O.D.
- c. The dates of construction of the pipeline range from 1927 to 1960.
- d. Motor gasoline was transported through the pipeline. No information is available as to all materials transported, nor does Shell know the approximate volumes of materials transported or the transport dates of each material.
- e. Shell does not have any records on the pipeline's construction.
- f. Shell does not have any records of pressure tests conducted on the pipeline.
- g. The pipeline is an intrastate line.
- h. No other parties have been allowed to lease or otherwise use the pipeline.

DOMINGUEZ-TORRANCE RESERVOIR FILL LINE (ABANDONED IN 1960'S)

- a. The pipeline is located in Del Amo Boulevard, Torrance Boulevard (formally 208th Street) and Main Street. See Attachment 2 for map locations.

- b. The size of the pipeline is 8" O.D.
- c. The construction date of the pipeline is 1929.
- d. Crude oil was transported through the pipeline. No information is available as to all materials transported, nor does Shell know the approximate volumes of materials transported or the transport dates of each material.
- e. Shell does not have any records on the pipeline's construction.
- f. Shell does not have any records of pressure tests conducted on the pipeline.
- g. The pipeline is an intrastate line.
- h. No other parties have been allowed to lease or otherwise use the pipeline.

SHELL CHEMICAL PIPELINES (BENZENE, ETHYLENE, LUBE OIL, AND PROPANE-PROPYLENE), (ABANDONED IN 1960'S)

- a. The pipeline is located generally in 231th Street, Torrance Boulevard, Del Amo Boulevard, Vermont Avenue, Hamilton Avenue and various privately owned tracts of land. See Attachment 3 for map locations.
- b. The size of the pipeline varies between 2" and 3" O.D.
- c. The dates of construction of the pipeline are unknown.
- d. Benzene, ethylene, lube oil, and propane-propylene were transported through the pipeline. No information is available as to all materials transported, nor does Shell know the approximate volumes of materials transported or the transport dates of each material.
- e. Shell does not have any records on the pipeline's construction.
- f. Shell does not have any records of pressure tests conducted on the pipeline.
- g. The pipeline is an intrastate line.
- h. No other parties have been allowed to lease or otherwise use the pipeline.

Question 2:

No information is available on any leaks or discharges from any of the pipelines listed in the response to Question 1 above.

Question 3:

Shell is not aware of any pipeline, owned or operated by Shell Pipe Line Corporation that may have leaked, discharged, or otherwise contributed to soil or groundwater contamination in the vicinity of the Del Amo site.

Question 4:

The pipelines described in Question 1 are idle or abandoned and have no leak detection capability.

Question 5:

Shell is not aware of any pipeline, owned or operated by other companies, that may have leaked, discharged, or otherwise contributed to soil or groundwater contamination in the vicinity of the Del Amo site.

Question 6:

Shell is not aware of any other companies, other than those identified in the EPA's CERCLA 104(e) Request for Information which own or operate pipelines or have owned or operated pipelines in the past in the vicinity of the Del Amo site.

QUESTION 1  
ATTACHMENT 1

**PARTIALLY SCANNED  
OVERSIZE ITEM(S)**

See document # 2307329  
for partially scanned image(s).

For complete hardcopy version of the oversize document  
contact the Region IX Superfund Records Center